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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,2 and 5-12 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-2, and 5-12 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the RCE amendment filed on 3/20/2006.
This action is made Non-Final.
2. In the amendment, claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 12 has been added. Claims 1-2, and 5-12 are pending in the case. Claims 1, and 7-12 are independent claims.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), and based on application # 11 076598 filed in Japan on 3/19/1999, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

4. The drawings filed on 3/10/2000 have been approved by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2, and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(b) as being unpatentable over Klingler et al, hereinafter Klingler (USPat.# 5,682,326, 10/28/1997).

Regarding independent claim 1, Klingler teaches collection of selected video reference clips in accordance with a program--*predetermined specification*. The reference clips include reference to source clips including in and out frame points to from a movie. A final movie file, including the selected clips is created in the Quicktime format(*internal format*) — *a shared-scene creation module operable allow the editor to define shared scenes, said shared scenes being virtual scenes formed in accordance with an internal format and used to form the final scenes, each of the shared scenes comprising one or more shared objects that are sharable among the final scenes in accordance with the predetermined specification; a shared-scene processing module operable to enable the editor to select two or more shared scenes to be combined for creating each of the final scenes.* (col.7, lines 9-67, col.13, lines 4-34).

Moreover, Klingler teaches the application of special effects filters, specified in the program, to selected clips by specifying parameters for the frames— *an application creation module operable to describe control information in accordance with the internal format based on said shared scenes set by the editor via said shared-scene creation and processing module* (col.8, lines 19-67).

Moreover, Klingler teaches the organization, and display of the clips into a project window— *an output control module for converting said control information into shared object control information for forming the final scenes in accordance with said predetermined specification* (col.7, lines 21-67).

Regarding claim 2, which depends on claim 1, Klingler teaches the organization of the clips into a meaningful sequence of clips and filters in which they are to appear in a movie in

accordance to a program's instruction— *said shared-scene processing module further specifies an order of superposition of a plurality of said shared scenes; and said application creation module further describes said control information for controlling an order of superposition of said shared objects used for each of the final scenes as a state of utilization of shared objects in each of the final scenes in accordance with said order of superposition of said shared scenes* (col.7, lines 9-67).

Regarding claim 5, which depends on claim 9, Klingler teaches a program indicating the organization of the clips into a meaningful sequence of clips and filters in which they are to appear in a movie— *controlling utilization of the at least one shared object in each of the final scenes based upon the predetermined specification and the shared scenes* (col.7, lines 9-67).

Claim 5-6 are directed towards a method for implementing the steps of claims 1-2 respectively, and therefore are similarly rejected.

Claim 7 is directed towards an apparatus for implementing the method of claim 1, and therefore is similarly rejected.

Claim 8 is directed towards an apparatus for implementing the method of claim 1, except for *the creation of broadcast content* information, which is taught by Klingler's allowing people owning a file of the movie in Quicktime format for display— ... (col.13, lines 16-34).

Claims 9-10 are directed towards a method similar to the steps of claims 1, and 8, and therefore are similarly rejected.

Claim 11 is directed towards a memory device for storing instruction, and for implementing the method of claim 1, and therefore is similarly rejected.

Regarding independent claim 12, Klingler teaches the definition, and creation video clips. The clips include in and out frame points from a movie—*a shared-scene creation module operable to allow the editor to define intermediate scene templates accordance with an internal format that include one or more shared objects that are sharable in an always on or always off manner among final scenes in accordance with a predetermined, industry-standard specification* (col.6, lines 40-67).

Moreover, Klingler teaches the collection video clips. The collection includes reference clips having reference to source clips including in and out frame points to from a movie.—*a shared-scene processing module operable to enable the editor to combine two or more of the intermediate scene templates to form a desired final scene that is a combination of the shared objects contained within the editor-selected intermediate scene templates* (col.7, lines 9-67).

Moreover, Klingler teaches the application of special effects filters to selected clips by specifying parameters for the video frames. The clips contain objects, such as ledger, glaciers, etc. which are either displayed or not displayed according to in/out points—*an application creation module operable to form shared-scene definition statements of shared objects files in*

accordance with the internal format an application, the shared object files comprising shared objects from the combined editor-selected intermediate scene templates (col.8, lines 19-67, col.7, lines 9-67).

Moreover, Klingler teaches the organization, and display of the reference clips (which have references to the source clips) into a project window—an *output control module for providing description files that include descriptions of links for controlling the shared objects from the shared object files from each editor-selected intermediate scene template, the description files forming a script that complies with the industry-standard specification to control the display of the shared objects in the final scenes*(col.7, lines 21-67).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 2/3/2006 have been fully considered but they are moot. The Applicants indicate that none of the prior art teaches the subject matter in the claims (pages 10-14). The arguments are moot in light of the new ground of rejections included above.

Conclusion

- I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Klingler et al. (Pat. # 5,404,316 A).
- II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cesar B. Paula whose telephone number is (571) 272-4128. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached on (571) 272-4124. However, in such a case, please allow at least one business day.

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